

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A mounting bracket device for a gutter for buildings, ~~the gutter including a generally channel or trough shaped body for collecting water with an internal wall having a gutter mounting thereon, the mounting bracket device including comprising an elongated bracket device body which includes that extends in a longitudinal direction between opposite ends, the body including an attachment section which is attachable to the building and a gutter mounting section, the gutter mounting section including a plurality of gutter retaining clips arranged along with the gutter mounting section, the arrangement being such that when the bracket is attached to the building the clips are aligned so as to correspond to a fall required when the gutter is in an installed position spaced apart from one another in the longitudinal direction, the retaining clips being adapted to cooperate with the a gutter mounting to retain the gutter in the installed position to the mounting device.~~

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A mounting bracket device according to claim 7, wherein said elongated bracket device body includes a generally U-shaped portion, one leg thereof being the attachment section and the other leg thereof being the gutter mounting section, the legs of the U-shaped portion being spaced apart so as to provide a recess therebetween for receiving part of ~~the internal~~ an inner wall of the gutter ~~therein when the gutter is in the installed position proximal to the building.~~

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A mounting bracket device according to claim 8, wherein the gutter retaining clips include projections which extend into the recess and are adapted to cooperate with ~~the mounting means on the internal~~ inner wall of the gutter so as to retain the gutter ~~in the installed position to the device.~~

Claim 10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A mounting ~~bracket~~ device according to claim 9, wherein said projections are hook-like elements pressed or punched out of the gutter mounting section.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A mounting ~~bracket~~ device according to claim 8, further including a plurality of access apertures in the gutter mounting section for providing access to the attachment section when it is being attached to the building.

Claim 13 (New): A mounting device according to claim 7, wherein the retaining clips are aligned at an angle with respect to a single edge of the mounting device, corresponding to a fall angle required when the gutter is in an installed position.

Claim 14 (New): A mounting device according to claim 7, wherein the attachment section is adapted to receive fasteners to secure the mounting device to a building.

Claim 15 (New): A mounting device according to claim 8, wherein the body is channel shaped and is generally U-shaped in cross-section transverse to the longitudinal direction.

Claim 16 (New): A gutter and mounting device for buildings, the gutter comprising a generally channel or trough shaped body for collecting water with an inner wall having a gutter mounting thereon, the mounting device comprising an elongated body that extends in a longitudinal direction between opposite ends, the body including an attachment section which is attachable to the building and a gutter mounting section, the gutter mounting section including a plurality of gutter retaining clips spaced apart from one another in the longitudinal direction, the retaining clips being adapted to cooperate with the gutter mounting to retain the gutter to the device in an installed position.

Claim 17 (New): A gutter and mounting device according to claim 16, wherein said elongated body includes a generally U-shaped portion, one leg thereof being the

attachment section and the other leg thereof being the gutter mounting section, the legs of the U-shaped portion being spaced apart so as to provide a recess therebetween for receiving part of the inner wall of the gutter therein when the gutter is in the installed position.

Claim 18 (New): A gutter and mounting device according to claim 17, wherein the gutter retaining clips include projections which extend into the recess and are adapted to cooperate with the gutter mounting on the inner wall of the gutter so as to retain the gutter in the installed position.

Claim 19 (New): A gutter and mounting device according to claim 18, wherein the gutter mounting on the inner wall of the gutter is a raised elongated rib which, when the gutter is in the installed position, is disposed within the recess and inhibited from removal by said projections.

Claim 20 (New): A gutter and mounting device according to claim 18, wherein said projections are hook-like elements pressed or punched out of the gutter mounting section.

Claim 21 (New): A mounting device according to claim 18, further including a plurality of access apertures in the gutter mounting section for providing access to the attachment section when it is being attached to the building.

Claim 22 (New): A gutter and mounting device according to claim 16, wherein the retaining clips are aligned at an angle with respect to a single edge of the mounting device corresponding to a fall angle required when the gutter is in the installed position.

Claim 23 (New): A gutter and mounting device according to claim 16, wherein the attachment section is adapted to receive fasteners to secure the mounting device to a building.

Claim 24 (New): A gutter and mounting device according to claim 16, wherein the body is channel shaped and is generally U-shaped in cross-section transverse to the longitudinal direction.

Claim 25 (New): A method of installing a gutter, comprising the steps of: attaching a mounting device to a building, the mounting device comprising an elongated device body and including a plurality of retaining clips, the mounting device being positioned on the building so that the clips are aligned so as to correspond to a fall angle required when the gutter is in an installed position, and mounting the gutter to the device by moving the gutter to the installed position where the retaining clips cooperate with the gutter to retain the gutter in the installed position.

Claim 26 (New): A method of installing a gutter according to claim 25, wherein the retaining clips of the mounting device are aligned at an angle with respect to a single edge of the mounting device corresponding to the fall angle, and the step of attaching the mounting device to the building further comprises aligning the single edge of the mounting device to an edge of the building.